(b) whether there is also a proposal to slash dearness/relief revisions in pension; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Shifting of Kendriya Bhandar near Rail Bhawan

2256. DR. M.N. DAS: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Kendriya Bhandar was functioning near the Rail Bhawan and the same has been shifted to another place;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same;

(c) whether there has been any revenue loss to Government on account of the shifting; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Kendriya Bhandar office complex including retail store at Raisina Road near Rail Bhawan had been shifted under Government instructions due to security reasons.

(c) and (d) It is difficult to quantify the revenue loss due to shifting. However, Kendriya Bhandar registered reductions in sale to the tune of Rs. 444 lakhs due to suspension of business activities for about 15 days in February, 2002 on account of shifting.